Investment for agriculture in NER

*39. SHRI C. APOK JAMIR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of investment made by Central Government in the agricultural sector in the NER, during the last five years;

(b) the details of proposals formulated, so far, for increasing the investment in the Region; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Statement indicating the amount released to North Eastern States including Sikkim under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes during the last five years is given below:

Year	Amount Released (Rs. Lakh)
1997-98	3134.91
1998-99	5166.85
1999-2000	6034.97
2000-01	7742.25
2001-02	11296.24

(b) and (c) Central Government supplements/complements States' efforts in agriculture development through its various Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes. Macro Management Mode of agriculture has been introduced merging 27 Centrally Sponsored Schemes for accelerating agricultural development. This provides States flexibility to prioritise Schemes/Programmes according to their specific needs and requirements. The States are required to prepare their Work Plans indicating the schemes according to their priorities and suiting their needs. Technology mission for Development of Horticulture in the entire North East including Sikkim and On Farm Water Management in Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur and Mizoram are being implemented for increasing production and the productivity in these States.